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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on July 9, 2001 and June 25, 2001, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Aida, "Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 VPR Gene Product Prevents Cell Proliferation", RIKEN Review, No. 18, August 1998, pp. 37-38; and

Nishizawa et al., "Apoptosis Induction by a Deficient Mutant of HIV-1 VPR Gene", Program and Abstract of the 46<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Japanese Society for Virology, October 12-14, 1998, together with a partial English language translation of the same.

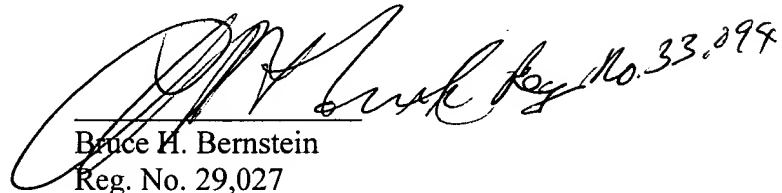
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the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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